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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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BIRD SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bird sanctuaries in the country and the funds allocated by the Government for protection of these sanctuaries during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to notify or develop more sanctuaries including one in the Chambal area of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State and location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) State-wise total number of bird sanctuaries in the country, as available in the Ministry, is given in the Annexure-I. The Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to the State/Union Territory Governments for the protection and conservation of the wildlife including and their habitats including Bird Sanctuaries under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'.

Details of financial assistance provided to the State/ union Territory Governments by the Ministry for protection and conservation of Protected Areas including bird sanctuaries during the last three years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' is give in the Annexure −II.

(b) and (c) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 empowers the State/ Union Territory Governments to notify Protected Areas including Bird Sanctuaries for protecting, propagating or developing wildlife or its environment. The Central Government does not have any proposal to notify or develop more Sanctuaries.

The State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have notified Sanctuaries in their respective jurisdiction in Chambal area. The Sanctuary so notified by Madhya Pradesh is known as National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary and is home to important wildlife including the Gharials and large number of birds.